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A commission of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party (SED) has conducted a three weeks' investigation of the work in the cadres of the East German News Agency (ADN). The investigation extended to many of the lower ranks as well as to the leaders. There were no complaints about the work in the lower and middle sections, but great laxity in a political sense was found among the leadership, as well with the directors and division heads as in the personnel bureau. The commission attributed this to the influence of the Chief of Information, Gerhard Eisler. It is expected now that the Information Office will have to reckon with a similar investigation. It is also expected that after this investigation, which doubtless will result unfavorably, Eisler will at least receive a severe reprimand, if he is not immediately removed from his post. All branches of the bureau are expecting dismissals both of colleagues and specialists.

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